



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

11:00 a.m.

Board and Senate Chambers, University Centre A180

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Ray Protti (Chair), Ms. Jane Butler McGregor, Mr. John deC. Evans, Mr. Murray Farmer, Mr. Tony Gage, Dr. Robert Giroux, Ms. Caitlin Meggs, Ms. Susan Mehinagic, Mr. Richard Park, Mr. Chris Petter, Dr. Eric Sager, Dr. David Turpin, Prof. Barbara Whittington, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary).

Regrets: Mr. Peter Ciceri, Ms. Lydia Hwitsum.

By Invitation: Dr. Howard Brunt, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Morag MacNeil.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared approved.

2. Minutes

a) Meeting of November 25, 2008

MOTION (J. Evans/S. Mehinagic)

THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of November 25, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Nil.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

CONSENT

6. University Operations and Facilities Committee (S. Mehinagic)

a) Status Report on Capital Projects

(BOG-Jan27/09-06 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors receive and review the January 2009 Status Report on Capital Projects for information.

b) 2008 Policy Review Annual Report

(BOG-Jan27/09-24 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the 2008 Policy Review Annual Report.

c) PhD in International Management and Organization

(BOG-Jan27/09-21 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in International Management and Organization to be offered by the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as described in the document entitled "Graduate Program Proposal PhD in International Management and Organization", dated November 17, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the Board of Governors granting approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

d) Minor in Technology and Society (BOG-Jan27/09-22 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of Minor in Technology and Society to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences as described in the document entitled "Proposal for a Minor in Technology and Society", dated October 17, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of granting of approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar.

e) PhD in Anthropology (BOG-Jan27/09-17 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Graduate Studies with an anticipated start date of Fall, 2010, in consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records, as described in the document entitled "A Proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology", dated December 15, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the Board of Governors granting approval. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

f) Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching French Immersion (BOG-Jan27/09-18 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching French Immersion, to be offered by the Division of Continuing Studies in collaboration with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty of Education as described in the document entitled "Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching French Immersion", dated December 2, 2008, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar.

g) Graduate Professional Certificate in Middle Years Language and Literacy (BOG-Jan27/09-19 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Graduate Professional Certificate in Middle Years Language and Literacy, to be offered by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Graduate Studies as described in the document entitled "Graduate Professional Certificate in Middle Years Language and Literacy", dated December 12, 2008, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records.

h) Professional Specialization Certificate in Information and Communication Technology in Education (BOG-Jan27/09-20 attached)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Professional Specialization Certificate in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education, to be offered by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty of Education as described in the document entitled "Professional Specialization Certificate in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education", dated December 1, 2008, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar.

i) New and Revised Graduate and Undergraduate Awards (BOG-Jan27/09-16 attached)

MOTION:

That the Board of Governors approve the following new and revised awards:

- *Vikes Women's Basketball Spirit Award* (new)*
- *Mary M. & Erich Schwandt Scholarships* (new)*
- *Ken Hurn Bursary in Elementary Education* (new)*
- *Don & Drina Corker Bursary* (new)*
- *Rhys Alexander Davis Scholarship in Environmental Studies* (new)*
- *Simba Technologies Inc. Scholarship (formerly Orbital Technologies Scholarship)*(revised)*
- *Joseph B. Jackson Bursary* (revised)*
- *Women's Studies Graduate Scholarship*(new)*
- *Denis & Pat Protti Scholarship* (revised)*
- *Sisters's of St. Ann Scholarship in Nursing* (revised)*
- *Muriel Beverley Vaio Law Scholarships* (revised)*

- *Quinton & Bertha Mar Women's Basketball Award* (new)*
- *Ronald Kitchener Bursary (new)*
- *BC Transmission Corporation Scholarships (revised)*

*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

7. Finance Committee (T. Gage)

- a) **Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2008** (*BOG-Jan27/09-02 attached*)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors receive the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ended September 30, 2009 for information.

Pro forma Motion (S. Mehinagic/R. Giroux)

That the above items are approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED

REGULAR

8. University Operations and Facilities Committee (S. Mehinagic)

- a) **Overview of academic program development**

Ms. Mehinagic invited Dr. Catherine Mateer, Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, to assist members of the Board to understand the process of approving academic programs and the role of the Board in that process. She provided a presentation. In response to a subsequent question, Dr. Mateer explained that as program proposals are developed, Deans are expected to integrate them tentatively into their financial and budget plans. They proceed only if these resources are in place. Proposals would not be presented to the Senate Committee on Planning unless the Vice-President Academic had approved a budget plan that made provision for the resources to be available. Prof. Cassels explained that the 3-year academic and budget planning process feeds into the academic program approval process. In response to whether the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development had ever turned down a program, Dr. Mateer said that this had not occurred, although some adjustments to programs had been made as a result of peer reviews. She noted that in the past 3 years, 22 new programs have been approved, 7 of which are undergraduate.

In response to a question about potential development of additional health professional programs, Dr. Mateer said that the proposed graduate neuroscience program would be the first program of the Medical Sciences Division. UVic had considered the possibility of developing a physiotherapy program but had decided not to proceed because of issues of cost.

The Chair thanked Dr. Mateer for her presentation.

9. President's Report

a) Presentation on the Faculty of Fine Arts

Dr. Sarah Blackstone, Dean of Fine Arts, gave a presentation on the Faculty of Fine Arts.

b) General

Dr. Turpin reported on developments and events including:

Federal update

- The Finance Minister had hosted a pre-budget round table consultation on the federal budget at UVic on January 12, 2009
- AUCC would provide an analysis of the budget delivered.

Provincial update

- The Universities Presidents' Council (TUPC) is now known as The Research Universities Council of BC; members are UVic, UBC, SFU and UNBC
- Planning has begun for the next provincial budget cycle.

UVic update

- At the President's invitation, Dr. Brunt provided an overview of a recent trip on behalf of UVic to China and India by the President, Dr. Brunt and Dr. Anglin.
- Dr. Ray Siemens and his team from the Department of English have been awarded a 7-year grant of up to \$2,484,500 by SSHRC under their Major Collaborative Research Initiatives program.
- UVic has been chosen as the host of the Congress of the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences in 2013 – the same year that UVic celebrates its 50th anniversary.
- Prof. Kim Hart-Wensley has been appointed Associate Vice-President Faculty Relations and Academic Administration; she will take up the position in March.
- Dr. Peter Keller has been reappointed as Dean of Social Sciences.
- Mr. Grant Hughes will join UVic in the role of Director of Community Relations in February.

(Mr. Protti left the meeting and Ms. Mehinagic assumed the chair.)

- Alumni Week would run February 1-7 with daily events including awards celebrations, breakfast for alumni-on-campus, young alumni networking, an Alumni Chip Trail Walk and a Distinguished Alumni Awards Night on February 3 at the University Club.
- On January 29 the J. Fenwick Lansdowne Exhibition would open with a reception from 4:00-6:00 at the Legacy Gallery and Café.
- Prof. Wolfgang Hoefler has received the 2009 McNaughton Gold Medal from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). The gold medal is awarded recognizes outstanding Canadian engineers who have made exemplary contributions to their profession.

- University Ticket Centre has launched on-line ticket purchasing.
- Novelist, historian and essayist, Ronald Wright, had delivered the President's Distinguished Lecture titled "What is America?" on January 22.
- UVic exceeded its goal for 2008 and beat all previous records by contributing \$293,000 to the United Way.

10. Other Business

- a) Members were asked to put the dates for the board meetings in 2009/10 listed on the new schedule into their calendars.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Ray Protti, Chair

Julia Eastman, Secretary